(*c*) the extent of land available for afforestation in Chickballapur Taluk ?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH.—(Minister of State for Forests)

(*a*) 42,195 acres.

(b) Years	...	Extent in acres.
1971—72	...	214—80
1972—73	...	129—10
1973—74	...	531—20
1974—75	...	470—00
1975—76	...	491—00
		1836—10

(*c*) 15,000 acres.

Establishment of Courts

36. SMT. VIJAYA DESAI (Chitapur) —Will the Minister for Law be pleased to State:—

(*a*) whether Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka had recommended to the Government for creating courts of the rank between the High Court and District Judge's Court in the Stat ;

(*b*) if so, what action Government proposes to take on this suggestion ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Law).—

(*a*) No

(*b*) Does not arise.

Admission to the Legislature Congress Party—Announcement

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from the Hon. Chief Minister stating that the following members who were in the Opposition have been admitted to the Congress Legislature Party.

Sarvashri :

1. H.T. Krishnappa
2. V. Nagappa
3. B.D. Inamdar
4. K. Made Gowda
5. T.M. Manjunath
6. Bapugowda Rayappa
7. J.L. Kabade
8. A. Nanjappa
9. K.H. Hanume Gowda
10. S. Bangarappa

The Members concerned have also written to me that they have joined the Congress Legislature Party. I have allotted them seats in consultation with the Secretary of the Congress Legislature Party. As a consequence of this arrangement, seats to the Opposition Members have also been revised in some cases.

Panel of Chairmen

MADAM SPEAKER.—Under Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Legislative Assembly I nominate the following members to the panel of Chairmen for the current Session.
Sr yuths ;

1. K.R. Srinivasula Naidu.
2. Smt. Nagamma C. Keshava Murthy.
3. M.K. Kulkarni.
4. J.P. Sarvesh.

Secretary's Report

SECRETARY ;- I am laying on the floor of the House the Statement showing the Bills assented to by the Governor or the President, subsequent to the Previous Session.

Statement showing the Bills assented by the Governor or the President

Sl. No.	Name of the Bill	Date of Assent	Assented by
1	2	3	4
1	The University of Agricultural Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 1975.	23-2-1976	Governor
2	The Karnataka State Legislature Proceedings (Protection of Publication) Repeal Bill, 1976.	23-2-1976	Governor
3	The Karnataka Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1976.	23-2-1976	Governor
4	The Karnanaka Improvement Boards Bill, 1976.	2-3-1976	Governor
5	The Bangalore Development Authority Bill, 1976.	2-3-1976	Governor
6	The Karnataka Village Panchayats (Postponement of Elections) Amendment) Bill 1976.	2-3-1976	Governor